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## **North Carolina's Leaders Advocate For NAFTA Preservation & Modernization**

*Agreement Pivotal To Food & Agriculture Sectors Supporting More Than One Million Jobs*

### **North Carolina's Food & Agriculture Sectors Support Over 1.2 Million Jobs & Export \$553 Million To NAFTA Partners:**

**Dependent On NAFTA, The Food And Agriculture Sectors Support Over Than 1.2 Million North Carolina Jobs.** (Americans For Farmers & Families, "New Coalition Advocating For North American Free Trade Agreement Modernization Launches Campaign In North Carolina," [Press Release](#), 1/29/18)

- **North Carolina's Top NAFTA Exports Are Pork, Cotton, Peanuts And Tobacco.** ("North Carolina," [Americans For Farmers & Families](#), Accessed 1/31/18)
- **\$553 Million, Or 21 Percent, Of North Carolina's Total \$2.7 Billion Food And Agricultural Exports In 2016 Went To NAFTA Partners.** ("North Carolina," [Americans For Farmers & Families](#), Accessed 1/31/18)

**NAFTA Withdrawal Could Cost The State Of North Carolina Nearly 110,000 Jobs.** ("Terminating NAFTA: The National And State-By-State Impacts On Jobs, Exports And Output," [Business Roundtable](#), January 2018)

### **North Carolina Leaders Have Underscored The Need For NAFTA's Modernization & Its Importance To The State:**

**Governor Roy Cooper: "We Certainly Want To Be Part Of Advocating For Agriculture And Will Work Closely With Federal Officials So That These Foreign Markets Can Be Available To The Farmers."** (Laura Leslie, "Strong Dollar, Potential Trade Wars Worry NC Farmers," [WRAL.com](#), 2/3/17)

**North Carolina State Agriculture Secretary Steve Troxler: "Without Export Markets, We're Pretty Much Dead In The Water, We Have Such A Production Capacity In Agriculture That We Need To Export These Excess Products To Be Able To Stay In Business."** (Laura Leslie, "Strong Dollar, Potential Trade Wars Worry NC Farmers," [WRAL.com](#),

2/3/17)

**U.S. Senator Thom Tillis: “Any Agreement That’s As Old As NAFTA Could Be Modernized Or Updated. But It’s Fundamentally Sound Policy, And A Majority Of Our Members Believe We Need To Make It Clear We’re Committed To It.”** (Burgess Everett, “Republicans Seek To Tame Trump On Trade,” [Politico](#), 1/30/18)

**U.S. House Agriculture Subcommittee On Livestock And Foreign Agriculture Chairman David Rouzer: “The Trade Relationship Between The United States And Canada, Especially As It Relates To Agriculture, Plays An Integral Role In Each Country’s Economy. Spending Time With Our Canadian Counterparts Gave Us An Opportunity To Demonstrate The Importance Of The Deal For U.S. Agriculture. I Look Forward To Continuing These Conversations To Improve NAFTA On Behalf Of Our Producers And Farm Families.”** (U.S. House Committee On Agriculture, “Congressional Delegation Comments On Agriculture NAFTA Meetings In Ottawa,” [Press Release](#), 10/7/17)

**North Carolina’s Agriculture Groups Have Praised NAFTA’s Positive Impacts On Their Industries:**

**North Carolina Pork Council CEO Andy Curliss: “We Cannot Afford To Upset Relationships With Our Trading Partners And Urge The Government To Do No Harm To NAFTA Or Other Free Trade Agreements.”** (Americans For Farmers & Families, “New Coalition Advocating For North American Free Trade Agreement Modernization Launches Campaign In North Carolina,” [Press Release](#), 1/29/18)

**North Carolina Farm Bureau President Larry Wooten: “If There Is Action That Harms American Agriculture, That Is Not Putting America First.”** (Anita Kumar & Rob Hotakainen, “Trump’s Killing Of Trans-Pacific Trade Pact Could Leave West Coast, Farmers Hurting,” [McClatchy DC](#), 1/23/17)

**North Carolina Soybean Producers Association CEO Jeff Jennings: “Any Talk Of Withdrawal From Existing Trade Agreements Gets People Nervous. You Certainly Don’t Want To Lose Any Of Your Existing Markets.”** (Reggie Ponder, “Perdue Official Bullish On Soybean Prices,” [The Daily Advance](#), 1/19/18)

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